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COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Congressman Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), Chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities today introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives calling for a full and complete study of each intelligence agency of the United States.

Commenting on his resolution, Congressman Walter stated, "I have long felt that the Congress of the United States should be more fully informed respecting the several intelligence agencies of the Government which are vital in the life-and-death struggle in which we are engaged with the international Communist conspiracy.

"While I believe that the Committee on Un-American Activities presently has jurisdiction and the authority to conduct the study which I propose, because of the nature of the subject matter and also to avoid any questions of possible partial overlapping in jurisdiction with other committees, I feel that it is sound practice for me to submit a resolution to the House in which the Committee on Un-American Activities is specifically directed to make this study.

"I want to point out that the resolution requires that extreme caution be taken in order to avoid any possible disclosure of confidential information or of techniques employed by our intelligence agencies.

"Is there duplication or conflict in the powers, jurisdictions and functioning of our intelligence agencies? Are there areas in which there should be either an extended activity or a withdrawal of activity by these agencies? How can their efficiency be improved? Is the information acquired adequately safeguarded from unauthorized disclosures? Is this information made available for maximum practicable utilization by policy-making agencies of the Government?

"These and other questions ought to be carefully and judiciously explored by the representatives of the people. In my judgment, the Committee on Un-American Activities is specially equipped to make this study and I accordingly expect to press for early approval by the House of my resolution."

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

"To authorize the Committee on Un-American Activities to conduct a full and complete study of each intelligence agency of the United States.

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and complete study of each intelligence agency of the United States in order to analyze the organization and operation of each such agency for the purpose of determining the efficiency of such organization and operation and to determine whether such efficiency can be improved through elimination of duplicate activities and functions, or in any other manner. As used in this resolution, the term 'intelligence agency of the United States' means any executive department or agency of the United States conducting intelligence activities and any unit within any executive department or agency of the United States conducting intelligence activities.

"In the conduct of the study authorized by this resolution, the committee or subcommittee shall exercise extreme caution so as not to reveal any information with respect to the organization or methods of operation of any intelligence agency of the United States, or any other information, the revelation of which may impair the continued effectiveness of the operations of such agency or may be detrimental to the security of the United States.

"For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the committee or subcommittee is authorized to sit and act during the present Congress at such times and places within the United States, including any Commonwealth or possession thereof, or elsewhere, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary; except that neither the committee nor any subcommittee thereof may sit while the House is meeting unless special leave to sit shall have been obtained from the House. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any member of the committee designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by such chairman or member.

"The committee shall submit a progress report to the House as soon as practicable during the present Congress, together with such conclusions and recommendations as it deems advisable. Any such report which is made when the House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of the House."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Bob Smart was not aware of Walter's resolution until we showed it to him about four o'clock. He said it would require a suspension of the rules to get it through and he did not believe this was possible tonight. In any case, he is alerted and will talk to Mr. Kilday. The accurate text of Walter's remarks on the floor cannot be gotten until tomorrow morning in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Smart told us in confidence he and Kilday were briefed by NSA on the two defectors yesterday.

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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